

HOUSE BILL 3186

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
relative to smoke detectors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) It is unlawful to:

(1) Own or operate a hotel without installing an approved photo electric smoke detector in every room of the building that is ordinarily used for sleeping purposes;

(2) Own or operate an apartment building without installing an approved photo electric smoke detector in every living unit within the apartment building. When activated, the detector shall initiate an alarm that is audible in the sleeping rooms of the unit;

(3) Own or operate any rental property without installing an approved photo electric smoke detector or detectors. When activated, the detector or detectors shall initiate an alarm that is audible in all of the sleeping rooms of the property and in each other room in which the occupants are likely to spend a substantial amount of time; or

(4) Tamper with or remove any smoke detector required by this section, or a component of a smoke detector.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-112(e)(1), is amended by adding the following language after the last sentence:

In addition, the person violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each offense.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.